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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A user interface for a portable electronic device comprising a first row of input keys, a second row of input keys adjacent to the first row, and a third row of input keys adjacent to the second row, wherein each key of the first row represents a linear character stroke, each key of the third row represents a non-linear character stroke, and the second row includes at least one key representing a linear character stroke and at least one key representing a non-linear character stroke.
2. (Original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein the second row includes at least one key representing a dot.
3. (Original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said angular character strokes include a clockwise hook component, a counter-clockwise hook component, a clockwise angular component, and a counter-clockwise angular component.

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4. (Original) The user interface of claim 3, wherein:

the clockwise hook component includes a substantially downward line having an end portion that hooks to the left;

the counter-clockwise hook component includes a substantially downward line having an end portion that hooks to the right;

the clockwise angular component includes a substantially rightward line having an end portion that angles downward; and

the counter-clockwise angular component includes a substantially downward line having an end portion that angles to the right.

5. (Original) The user interface of claim 1, wherein said linear character strokes include a substantially horizontal component, a substantially vertical component, a leftward slant component, and a rightward slant component.

6. (Original) The user interface of claim 5, wherein:

the substantially horizontal component is directed rightward;

the substantially vertical component is directed downward;

the leftward slant component is directed downward and to the left; and

the rightward slant component is directed downward and to the right.

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7. (Currently Amended) A user interface for a portable electronic device comprising:
a group of nine input keys representing numbers 1 through 9, wherein:
each key of input key 1, input key 2 and input key 3 represents a single linear character stroke; and
each key of input key 7, input key 8 and input key 9 represents a also represent non-linear character stroke strokes.
8. (Canceled) ~~The user interface of claim 7, wherein input key 1, input key 2 and input key 3 also represent linear character strokes.~~
9. (Original) The user interface of claim 7, wherein input key 4 represents a dot.
10. (Original) The user interface of claim 7, wherein input key 5 represents a non-linear character stroke.
11. (Original) The user interface of claim 7, wherein input key 6 also represents a linear character stroke.
12. (Original) The user interface of claim 7, wherein the group of nine input keys are arranged in three rows and three columns to form a three-by-three matrix of input keys.
13. through 22. (Withdrawn)